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DO NOT CLIMB
THE ROPE AS HE
DID, SAHIB. **THE
INDIAN ROPE TRICK**
IS DANGEROUS TO
AN UNBELIEVER!

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IS IN THE PRIME
OF YOUTH! THIS
AGED, WITHERED
THING CAN'T
BE BRENT!



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CAUSES OF PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS SEEN THROUGH POWERFUL MICROSCOPE

this over-secretion, more oil than is normally required by the skin is deposited on the outside of the skin. Unless special care is taken, this excessive oil forms an oily coating which is a catch-all for all foreign matter in the air. When dust, dirt, lint, etc. become embedded into the tiny skin openings and block them up, they can cause the pores to become enlarged and therefore even more susceptible to additional dirt and dust. These enlarged, blocked up pores may form blackheads as soon as they become infected and bring you the worry, despair, embarrassment and humiliation of pimplies, blackheads and other externally caused blemishes.



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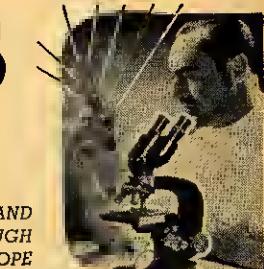
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It was a brief but violent action--in which the living
and the dead both moved in the gun sight of

the SNIPER!



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IF IT HAD HAPPENED TO ANYONE ELSE, THERE MIGHT BE ROOM FOR DOUBT! IT MIGHT ALL HAVE BEEN A **HALLUCINATION**! BUT IT HAPPENED TO **ARTHUR DANE**, WAR CORRESPONDENT, A MAN WHOSE REPUTATION FOR HONEST REPORTING CANNOT BE QUESTIONED! IN KOREA AUGUST 2, 1951...



ARTHUR DANE, FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF AN ADVANCING MARINE UNIT, HAD COME TO A SHELL TORN AREA WHERE **DEATH** HAD NOT YET PASSED. DANE FLUNG HIMSELF TOWARD COVER AS THE FIRING CONTINUED...



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FOR SOME REASON, AN ENEMY RIFLEMAN HAD REMAINED BEHIND AFTER HIS COMRADES HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT... AND NOW, HE HUNTED ARTHUR DANE LIKE ONE WOULD AN ANIMAL!

A SNIPER! SOMEWHERE OUT THERE! HE'S GOT ME PINNED DOWN! I CAN'T MOVE OUT OF THIS SPOT!



A BLAZING SUN/DRY LIPPED FEAR! THIRST! FOR HOURS THE CORRESPONDENT REMAINED IN THAT SPOT... AND ONLY A FEW YARDS AWAY TWO CANTEENS Dangled TEMPTINGLY BEFORE HIM ...

MY THROAT! IF I COULD JUST GET AT THAT WATER! IF I MADE A RUN FOR IT!

STAY DOWN! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!



THE MARINES TO THE RESCUE! WHOA! ONE QUESTION HI, SOLDIER! LOST YOUR OUT-AT-A-TIME? I'M FIT? MY NAME'S DANE... WHAT'S YOURS?

R.F.C. TED ARCHER... I WAS SORTA LEFT BEHIND WHEN THE COMPANY MOVED ON ...



CAN YOU SPARE ANY WATER FROM YOUR CANTEEN? THAT SNIPER'S JUST WAITING FOR ME TO REACH FOR MINE!

NOT A DROP! SORRY, BUT I CAN LEAD YOU TO SOME ... LET'S GO! WE CAN'T STAY HERE WHEN YOU'VE BEEN A MARINE AS LONG AS I HAVE, YOU BECOME ALLERGIC TO OPEN GROUND!



R.F.C. TED ARCHER CRAWLED A FEW FEET... AND DROPPED FROM SIGHT! ARTHUR DANE FOLLOWED!

A COMMUNICATIONS TRENCH! I DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT! THAT'S HOW YOU GOT TO ME!

SURE! I WAS SLEEPING HERE, WHEN THE FIRING WOKE ME UP... SO I CAME OVER TO HAVE A LOOK! KEEP DOWN! WE'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES!



OKAY! HERE WE ARE! MY SQUAD HOLED UP IN THAT CAVE OVER THERE BEFORE THEY MOVED ON! THERE'S A SPRING INSIDE!

WATER! WHAT A BREAK!



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GOSH,
THAT
WAS
GOOD!

I'LL BET/AHH/ HERE'S THE RIFLE/ IT BE-
LONGED TO ONE OF OUR BUNCH/ HE WON'T/
BE NEEDING IT ANY MORE / BUT YOU WILL/
THAT SNIPER WILL SHOW UP AGAIN/ THEY
ALWAYS DO /

BUT... I CAN'T USE A WEAPON!
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO! I... I'M A CORRESPONDENT!
WE KNOW THAT, BUT THAT SNIPER DOESN'T! AND HE WOULDN'T CARE IF HE DID! LIFE IS SWEET, DANE! YOU OUGHT TO KEEP IT AS LONG AS YOU CAN!



ARTHUR DANE LOOKED INTO THOSE ICY BLUE EYES AND SAW A KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR DEPTHS WHICH SHOCKED HIM! DANE TOOK THE RIFLE!

THANKS! I... I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID! YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED...

FORGET IT! I'M BULLETPROOF!
YOU'D BETTER HIT THE SACK! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME SLEEP! I'LL STAND GUARD!



THE EXHAUSTED CORRESPONDENT SLEPT A SLEEP STRANGELY DISTURBED BY VAGUE DREAMS... AND LATER, THE PFC TRIED AN EXPERIMENT!

DEAD CENTER! HE'S OUT THERE, ALL RIGHT! I FIGURED HE'D COME AFTER YOU! OKAY, WE'LL MAKE HIM SHOW HIMSELF AND... NAIL HIM GOOD!

IT SOUNDS EASY! BUT HOW DO WE MAKE HIM SHOW HIMSELF?



NOTHING TO IT! WHEN HE SEES ME TAKE OFF ACROSS THE CLEARING, HE'LL THINK IT'S YOU! HE DOESN'T KNOW THERE ARE TWO OF US! HE'LL OPEN UP... AND YOU GET HIM!

TAKE OFF! YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING OUT THERE? YOU'D RISK YOUR NECK FOR ME? I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT!



RISK? I TOLD YOU I WAS BULLETPROOF, DIDN'T I? SO LONG, PAL!

COME BACK, YOU CRAZY FOOL!



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SOMETHING SNAPPED INSIDE DANES MIND WHEN THE SLUG CRASHED INTO THE MARINE'S HELMET... THE BOY STIFFENED AND VANISHED IN THE GLOOM. THEN DANE WENT WILD!

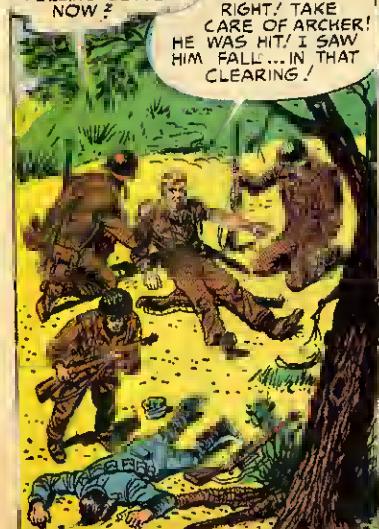
TWO RIFLES BLAZED! AND TWO BULLETS FOUND THEIR MARK...



THEN ALL WAS SILENT! IT SEEMED TO ARTHUR DANE THAT IT WAS MINUTES WHICH PASSED. BUT IT WAS HOURS!

COMING OUT OF IT, EH, MAC? LUCKY FOR YOU WE CAME BACK THIS WAY! WE'RE A GRAVE'S REGISTRATION UNIT! BEEN GOING THROUGH THESE WOODS LOOKING FOR CORPSES. FEELING BETTER NOW?

I'M ALL RIGHT! TAKE CARE OF ARCHER! HE WAS HIT! I SAW HIM FALL... IN THAT CLEARING!



THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE SEEN IN THE CLEARING DANE HAD POINTED OUT!

BUT, I SAW HIM FALL RIGHT HERE! MAYBE HE BECAME DELIRIOUS... AND CRAWLED AWAY!

WE'VE BEEN ALL OVER THESE WOODS! FOUND ONLY A DEAD SNIPER! WHO IS THIS JOE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?



HE TOLD ME HIS NAME! I... I BELIEVE IT WAS ARCHER... YES! TED ARCHER!

ARCHER? HEY, LET'S SEE... ARCHER, THEODORE... P.E.C....



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ARCHER'S NAME SEEMED TO STRIKE A FAMILIAR NOTE WITH THE G.I. HE LOOKED THROUGH HIS LITTLE NOTEBOOK—AND, THEN, AT DANE.

NOTEBOOKS! WE
WON'T FIND HIM
IN A NOTEBOOK!
I TELL YOU WE'VE
GOT TO LOOK
FOR HIM!
HE'S HURT!

WE DON'T HAVE
TO LOOK FOR
HIM! I CAN
TAKE YOU
RIGHT TO
WHERE HE IS!
IT'S ABOUT A MILE
FROM HERE. THINK
YOU CAN MAKE IT?



ARTHUR DANE MADE IT. HE AND THE G.I. HIKED A MILE, TO A PLACE WHERE THE FALLEN DEAD SLEPT IN SILENT ROWS...

THAT HELMET! IT'S ARCHER'S!
H-HOW DID
IT GET --
HERE?
I WAS
ON THE
DETAIL
THAT PUT
HIS BODY IN THIS
GRAVE! WE
FOUND IT IN THAT
CLEARING WHERE WE
FOUND YOU! A WEEK
AGO! YOU'D BETTER
LOOK AT THE DOG-TAG!



ARTHUR DANE KNELT AND READ THE NAME ON THE DOG-TAG... AND KNEW WHY ARCHER HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS BULLETPROOF!



The END

P.F.C. TED ARCHER, U.S.M.C. DIED ON JULY 26, 1951. BUT ON AUGUST 2, 1951, SEVEN DAYS LATER, HE CAME BACK TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A FELLOW AMERICAN. AND ARTHUR DANE WILL TAKE AN OATH ON IT.

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MURDER IN GROVE COUNTY



JOHN McKEVER was the happiest man on the Gaines police force, and there was little wonder. Hadn't he fulfilled his first assignment with flying colors? An impossible assignment too, even the old hands admitted that. But John McKever had fooled 'em all! As rookie detective, he'd solved the fifteen year old murder of Grove County.

He was celebrating his success, a very substantial increase in pay, a raise in rank, and accepting congratulations from all sides, the night the queer thing occurred. Normally, he had very little time or patience for things psychic, but tonight he was mellow. Not from wine, for John did not drink, but from exuberant happiness at his victory in naming Ed Harmon as the villainous assassin of Grove County.

"How'd you ever come up with enough evidence?" Keene, his pal, three years up on experience, asked him. "I went through every darn thing in the file. Couldn't turn up a single new thing."

"No one told me I didn't have to solve it," young McKever smiled. "Guess I thought if I didn't, I'd never get to be a real detective, and that's been my ambition since I hunted Indiana with my cowboy playmates."

His wife, Sally, a smiling brown haired wisp of a girl, looked at him fondly. She loved entertaining like this, just six of their closest friends, with John sharing the credit and adulation of a job well done. She passed refreshments, her hand lingering affectionately on John's shoulder. "He didn't sleep for weeks," she admitted to the group. "And when he did, he seemed to dream up new avenues for exploration. I don't think he solved it at all. It was his subconscious."

They all knew she was joking. John hadn't a superstition in the world. He hated anything that couldn't be explained in black and white. But it seemed a wonderful opportunity to kid him. "Mystic McKever," O'Reilly laughed. "I'll bet you did it on your little Ouija board!"

"A Ouija board!" Constance Keene shouted. She was bored by all this talk about business. Get a bunch of detectives together and all you had at best was a husband's holiday. She wanted some excitement. "Do you have a Ouija board, Sally?"

Mary O'Reilly took it up. "I haven't played a Ouija board for years--let's do it. It's fun!"

The men smiled indulgently, and even John McKever, who had to have it down in writing, agreed to sit at one end of the board, pretending to be in accord with some mysterious answer man.

Suddenly, however, the little planchette began to move energetically, spelling out words with such rapidity that one of the onlookers had to get pencil and paper to put the words down. The board became so agitated that even John was impressed--for the message related to the Grove County Murder!

It actually seemed that the tiny table was desperately trying to convey some message. Press accounts of the tragic affair were recounted, all the latest evidence dug up by John McKever. There was silence in the room as the board began to spell out NOT BLAMED. Over and over again NOT BLAMED.

Keene laughed an unpleased laugh, "Maybe the board is trying to tell us you haven't solved it, McKever," he said, but McKever was watching the board with feverish eyes and pale face. Only his hands were firm, but trembling under the message being transmitted. Slowly he shook his head. "Does it mean NOT BLAME ED?" he questioned. "Ed Harmon is the man ready for conviction."

Sally said quickly, "Who is the murderer?" The board quickly spelled out BLAMEABLE but no one could make sense of the simple announcement. Over and over the same letters were indicated. Once "E" was omitted. Once the pointer rested twice on "M". Sally called for a pause, her face white and intent. "Who is blameable?" she asked. The pointer started again. BLAMEABLE it spelled out this time.

With a strangled cry, John McKever got up from the table, rushed into the bedroom and came out with his hat and coat. So startled were the others by the whole affair, they could only look at him with amazement. Sally, alone found words. "Where are you going, John?" she asked. "Is there someone named Mable involved in this case?"

John McKever said "Mable Harmon is Ed's wife. She's taking the 11:15 to Kansas City. If I hurry, I can catch her."

John never told anyone how he put the missing evidence together with the Ouija board's prediction, but two months later, Mahie Harmon was convicted and Ed, her husband, went free.

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Scientific Formula
Called Comate May Help You

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A dead man looked out of her eyes--AND FROM HER THROAT CAME A VOICE WHICH HAD BEEN STILLED BY THE GRAVE. EVERYONE KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO ANA... SHE WAS INHABITED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT...

POSSESSED!



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NO! I... I
WILL NOT
GO! ANA AND
I LOVE EACH
OTHER! WE
HAVE A
RIGHT TO
BE HAPPY!

SINCE WHEN
DOES A
PEASANT
SPEAK OF
RIGHTS?
BEGONE,
I SAY!

BACK TO YOUR STALLS
AND STABLES! AND, FOR-
GET MY DAUGHTER... AND
CONTENT YOURSELF WITH
SOME GIRL FROM
THE VILLAGE!

YOU MAY
DRIVE ME
OUT, BUT I
WILL HAVE ANA
IN SPITE OF
YOU! IN SPITE
OF DEATH
ITSELF, ANA
SHALL BE
MINE!

THE BITTER WORDS SCREAMED FROM
WRITHING LIPS! AND, THE WIND BLEW
THEM AWAY... HOWLING WITH DEMONIC
LAUGHTER! AS A MAN IN TORMENT
STUMBED INTO THE NIGHT!

JEVA!
JEVA!
WAIT!



ANA/ANA! YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE COME!
HE DROVE ME
JEVA, DON'T! WE ARE IN OUT... LIKE A
LOVE! WE WILL HAVE DOG, ANA!
EACH OTHER! WE WILL!
NO MATTER WHAT
FATHER SAYS!

A TORTURED SOUL / A SPIRIT
TORN ON THE RACK OF
LOVE! THAT WAS JEVA
BARTOS! A TORTURED
SOUL CRYING IN THE NIGHT!

I WON'T GIVE
HER UP! DO
YOU HEAR,
KARIL? SHE IS
FOR NO MAN
BUT JEVA
BARTOS!



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THEY STILL SPEAK OF THAT NIGHT IN THE LINTER VALLEY!
THEY SAY IT WAS AS IF THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES
WEPT! AND IN THE MORNING THEY FOUND HIM!

YES! JEEVA IS DEAD!
THE SNOW IS SOFT ON
THE CLIFF! HE MUST
HAVE FALLEN! THERE
IS LIGHT IN JEEVA'S
FROZEN EYES
WHICH THE
LIVING FEAR
TO LOOK
UPON!

JEEVA...DEAD!
OH, NO, NO...

ANA...IT IS
BETTER SO' HE
WAS NOT FOR YOU!
NOW..YOU WILL
FORGET! GO TO
BED! GET SOME
REST! IT IS FOR
THE BEST!

REST? WHEN THE HEART SOBS FOR A LOST
LOVE? ANA DID NOT REST! FOR HER THERE
WAS TO BE NO REST! THAT NIGHT, NOR THE
NEXT, NOR THE NEXT...

YES JEEVA... I
HEAR YOU, MY
LOVE. YES... I
SHALL COME!

A
WRAITH
SLIPPED
DOWN
THE
STAIRS
THROUGH
A
DOORWAY
AND
IN
THE
MORNING,
ANA
WAS
FOUND
BY
A
GRAVE
NEWLY
DUG...
AND
NEWLY
ILLED!

SHE HAS KNELT
BY HIS GRAVE
THROUGH THE
COLD NIGHT!
QUICK! TAKE
HER HOME...

HOME? WOULD
YOU TAKE ME INTO
YOUR HOME,
KARIL?

MASTER! WHO
SPOKE? IT
SOUNDED LIKE
JEEVA...

ANA! IT IS ANA!
ANA WHO SPEAKS!
BUT IT IS THE
VOICE OF JEEVA
THAT ISSUES
FROM HER
LIPS!

HA' HA' HA!
HA' HA' YES,
KARIL! IT IS I..
JEEVA BARTOS...
THE LOWLY...
PEASANT YOU SO
CONVENIENTLY
BURIED... I
HAVE
RETURNED
FROM
DEATH!

ANA AND I ARE
TRULY ONE, NOW!
MY SPIRIT POSSESSES
HER! SHE IS MINE...
MINE!

YOU'VE DONE A
HORRIBLE THING, JEEVA!
YOU MUST RELEASE
ANA! GIVE ME BACK
MY DAUGHTER!

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THE GIRL FOUGHT WITH THE STRENGTH OF A MAN...
THE FURY OF JEGA BARTOS! BUT THE ODDS WERE
WITH THE MILITARY DETAIL!

ENOUGH! BIND HER IF
YOU MUST! BUT BE
GENTLE! MY LOVE IS
WEAK! DO NOT HURT
HER!



SO ANA CAME HOME... ANA... AND HE WHO WAS
HER MASTER... TO FACE A MAN OF IRON!

WELL, KARIL? DOES
THIS SIGHT OF YOUR
DAUGHTER, TRUSSLED
UP LIKE A CRIMINAL,
PLEASE YOU?

YOU'VE BECOME A
FIEND, BARTOS!
YOU KNOW WHAT
THIS IS DOING
TO ME!



RETURN ANA TO HER
RIGHTFUL EXISTENCE I
BEG YOU. WHAT YOU
ARE DOING IS AGAINST
ALL THE LAWS OF
NATURE! IT WILL
END IN ANA'S
DEATH!

OR HAPPINESS!



DOG!
DEMON!
EVIL
SPIRIT...



NO! NO! YOU MUST
HEAR ME OUT, JEGA
BARTOS! PERHAPS,
I HAVE BEEN SOME-
WHAT UNPLEASANT,
FOOLISH...

YOUR BLIND, CRUELTY
SHALL TOUCH US NO
MORE, KARIL! WE
ARE **BEYOND**
THAT NOW...

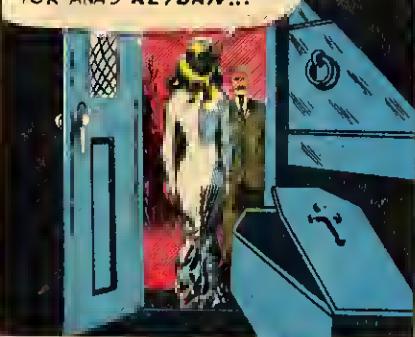


BEYOND...



BLACK MAGIC

THAT IS THE WAY THINGS
MUST BE! BUT I SHALL NOT
LOSE ANA WHEN HER TIME
COME TO CROSS INTO ETERNITY.
I SHALL BE WAITING FOR HER!
GO HOME, KARIL... AND WAIT
FOR 'ANA'S RETURN...



ANA WAS IMMEDIATELY GIVEN MEDICAL CARE.
GRAVELY CONCERNED, THE DOCTOR DIAGNOSED HER CONDITION AS WEAKNESS DUE
TO SEVERE SHOCK!

WHAT CAN WE DO,
DOCTOR? TELL ME...

IT IS OUT OF OUR
HANDS! IT WAS FROM
THE BEGINNING OF
THESE FANTASTIC
HAPPENINGS! ANA
CAN STAY ALIVE...
BUT SHE
ALONE MUST
WILL IT!



ANA'S WAS A LIFE WITH ROOTS IN THE BEYOND... THE END WAS APPROACHING! ONE NIGHT, SHE ROSE FROM HER BED...

MASTER!
YOUR
DAUGHTER!
SHE...

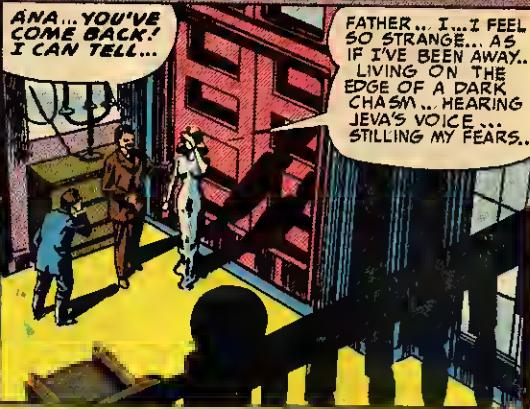
W-WE CAN DO
NOTHING FOR
MY POOR ANA!
SHE GOES TO
HIM... OUR
EFFORTS TO
KEEP HER
HERE ARE
IN VAIN...



TO MIKOL KARIL, IT WAS AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE!
ANA AND JEGA... TOGETHER... FOR ETERNITY! IF
ONLY KARIL COULD HAVE KNOWN THIS SOONER...

THE WAITING WAS NOT LONG, THEY TELL IN THE VALLEY
HOW SHE ARRIVED, WEARING HER SHROUD!

ANA... YOU'VE
COME BACK!
I CAN TELL...



FATHER... I... I FEEL
SO STRANGE... AS
IF I'VE BEEN AWAY...
LIVING ON THE
EDGE OF A DARK
CHASM... HEARING
JEGA'S VOICE...
STILLING MY FEARS...

THUS, THE FLAME OF LIFE FLICKERED... GROWING
BRIGHTER AND WANING AT INTERVALS!

YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE, ANA!
I-ILL MAKE UP FOR ALL
THE PAIN I'VE CAUSED
YOU!

FATHER... FATHER...
WHERE ARE YOU?
I AM ALONE...
ON A VAST, EMPTY
PLAIN... SWEEP BY
WINDS WHICH CARRY
JEGA'S VOICE...
HE IS LONELY...
LONELY...



THEY FOLLOWED HER TO JEGA'S GRAVE... HER FATHER
AND HER FRIENDS... THEY SAW HER SINK TO THE
MOULD WITH ARMS OUTSTRETCHED... NEVER TO
RISE AGAIN!

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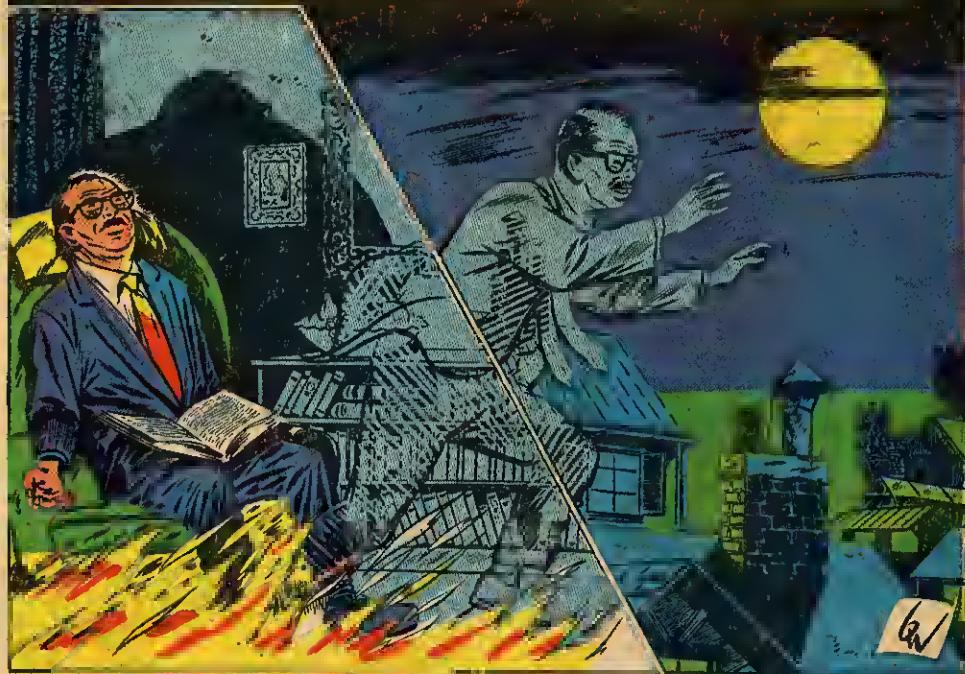
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BLACK MAGIC

Suppose, there are no ghosts--Just learned, clever men-
who can take off their physical bodies like a coat and-

FLY BY NIGHT!



PHIL THOMAS WAS AS PHONEY AS A THREE DOLLAR BILL. BUT, YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN IT TO SEE HIM STANDING BEFORE THE DOOR OF APT. 9-C IN THE VERY FASHIONABLE JANE COURT:



BLACK MAGIC

DARLING! YOU'VE BEEN A BAD LITTLE BOY... NOT... CALLING ME FOR ALMOST A WEEK! I WAS SIMPLY FRANTIC! NOW, YOU WAIT HERE! I WON'T BE BUT A MINUTE...

PLEASE, LILY! YOU'RE BEING FRIGHTFULLY GUSHY!

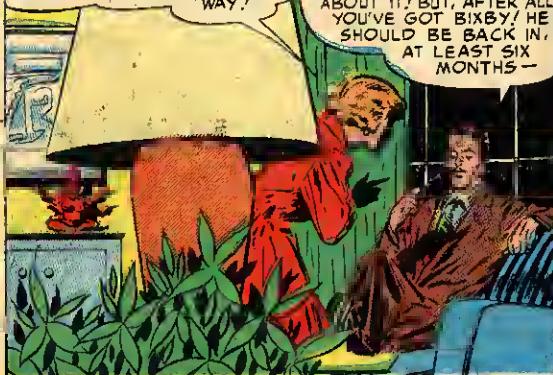
THAT'S NOT A NICE THING TO SAY! HOWEVER, I FORGIVE YOU! WHERE ARE WE GOING TONIGHT?

WE AREN'T, LILY! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE! I'VE COME TO TELL YOU JUST THAT! IT'S ALL OVER BETWEEN US!



PHIL! YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS! I CAN SEE! Y-YOU JUST CAN'T BRUSH ME OFF THIS WAY!

IT SHOULD BE APPARENT THAT I'M DOING IT! I'M SORRY IF I SEEM BLUNT ABOUT IT! BUT, AFTER ALL YOU'VE GOT BIXBY! HE SHOULD BE BACK IN, AT LEAST SIX MONTHS—



WHY, YOU... YOU

NOW, NOW, MY DEAR, TO COIN THE TRISTEST OR PUNS... YOU'RE

NOT EXACTLY A LILY, YOURSELF... LILY! YOU ARE ENGAGED TO BIXBY! AND YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN TRUE BLUE TO HIM BY DATING WITH ME!



Y-YOU INGRATE! AFTER ALL THE PLANS WE MADE ... TO FLEECE BIXBY OF HIS MONEY AND GO OFF TOGETHER! WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THAT? WHAT MORE CAN YOU WANT?



WHY MORE MONEY, OF COURSE! AND THE VERY SOCIAL MISS HUNTERY HAS SCADS OF IT! HASN'T SHE, PHIL?

I KNOW! I'VE SEEN HER SPEND IT ON YOU, THIS PAST WEEK!



BLACK MAGIC

ARNOLD BIXBY! I MEAN... DARLING! Y-YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN HINDUSTAN ... OR PAKISTAN... OR SOMEPLACE LIKE THAT! I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU BACK FOR MONTHS--

I TRAVEL FAST, MY DEAR! YOU HAVE NO INKLING HOW FAST! I HOPE MY SUDDEN ARRIVAL HASN'T SHOCKED YOU...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU OVERHEARD OR WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE, BIXBY! BUT I WANT NO FURTHER PART OF THIS! I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO TO STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT AMONG YOURSELVES! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME EXPLAIN TO ARNOLD! I WON'T LET YOU WALK OUT THIS WAY!



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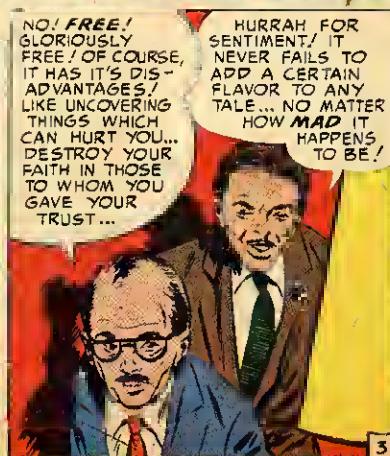
THEN YOU... HAVEN'T BEEN AWAY...



WHAT KIND OF "PAFF" IS THAT?



ARNOLD... YOU'RE MIND... IT'S BECOME UNHINGED!



HURRAH FOR SENTIMENT! IT NEVER FAILS TO ADD A CERTAIN FLAVOR TO ANY TALE... NO MATTER HOW MAD IT HAPPENS TO BE!

BLACK MAGIC

BEING AN EXPLORER AND A LONELY MAN / I WELCOMED LILY INTO MY LIFE WITH / PERHAPS, A LITTLE TOO MUCH FERVOR / I GREW TO LOVE HER DEEPLY / I HATED TO LEAVE ON THAT TRIP / ABROAD!

"I WAS LONESOME FOR YOU THERE, LILY... SO LONESOME, IN FACT, THAT I COULDN'T FIND PLEASURE IN OTHER'S COMPANY / I TOOK TO READING BOOKS / ONE NIGHT, I OPENED AN OLD VOLUME... A TRANSLATION OF AN ANCIENT WORK... UNCOVERED IN ARABIA BY A GROUP SPONSORED BY MY MUSEUM / I READ IT CAREFULLY...



"THE IDEA SEEMED FANTASTIC AT FIRST! AND I HAD TO CHUCKLE OVER THE AUDACITY OF THE SO-CALLED "SAGES" OF OLD... HOWEVER, I DECIDED TO CONCENTRATE AS THE BOOK INSTRUCTED AND, PERHAPS, DOZE OFF INTO SLEEP! INSTEAD, I FELT A SUDDEN DIZZINESS... AND THE STRANGEST OF THINGS HAPPENED..."

THAT MAN... SITTING

THERE IN MY CHAIR... THAT'S ME! WHY, I'M LOOKING AT MY OWN PHYSICAL BODY!



"SOUNDS INCREDIBLE, DOESN'T IT? AT FIRST, I THOUGHT I WAS DREAMING! BUT, THEN, I REALIZED I WAS MERELY IN A TRANCE, PHYSICALLY! THE TWO FACTORS OF WILL AND DESIRE HAD BEEN STRONG ENOUGH TO RELEASE MY ASTRAL BODY! WILL AND DESIRE NOW COMBINED WITH FAITH, AND I WAS ONE WITH THE WIND!"



"AT FIRST I COULDNT PROJECT MYSELF FURTHER THAN THE LIMITS OF LONDON! BUT MY DESIRE TO SEE LILY... TO WATCH OVER HER... WAS EXTREMELY POWERFUL, AND ONE NIGHT AFTER TREMENDOUS EFFORT, I SPANNED THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN A SECOND!"



"I CARE SAY, IT WAS A RUDE HOMECOMING! AND I GOT WHAT I DESERVED WHEN YOU WALKED IN, PHIL! SEEING YOU AND LILY TOGETHER ALMOST SHATTERED ME! LISTENING TO YOUR SILLY CHATTER WAS JUST AS BAD..."

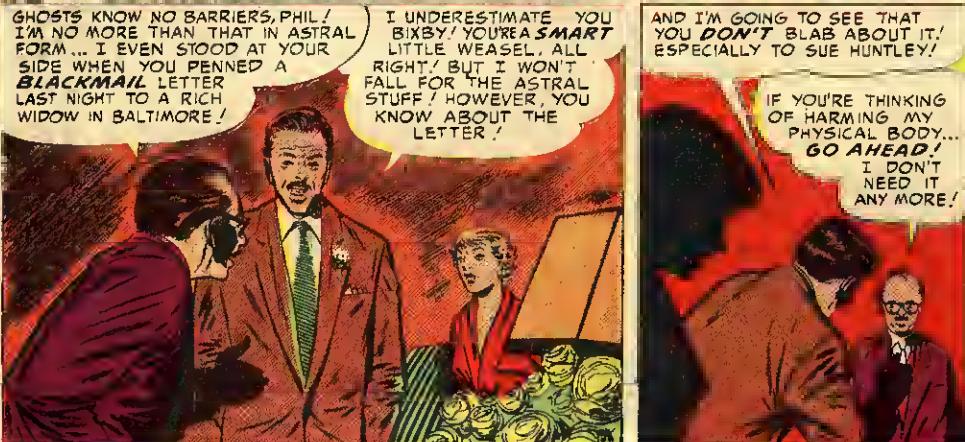
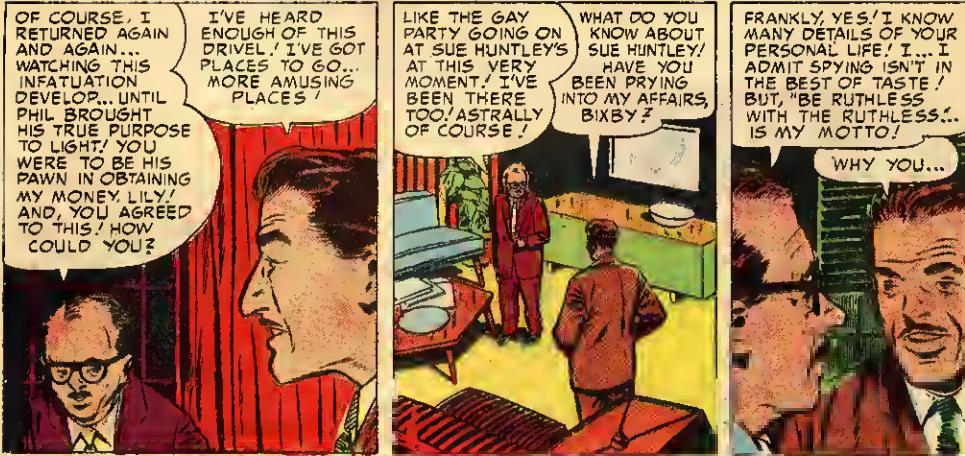
PHIL, DARLING,/ WAITING FOR YOU HAS SEEMED

LIKE AN ETERNITY!"

WE SHOULD NEVER BE APART, DEAREST LILY: MY MOMENTS AWAY FROM YOU ARE PURE TORTURE!"



BLACK MAGIC



BLACK MAGIC

THAT'S RIGHT, PHIL! I'VE TAKEN OFF MY PHYSICAL BODY...PERMANENTLY! BUT, YOU CAN'T TELL THAT TO THE POLICE! THEY'LL LAUGH AT YOU...

TIME WENT SWIFTLY! THERE WAS THE ARREST... THE TRIAL... THE PLEA, PHIL TOOK A **GUilty** CHARGE ON ACCOUNT OF SECOND DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER WHEN IT WAS PROVEN BIXBY DIED OF A HEART ATTACK... BRIEF SENTENCE... TIME OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR... AND FINALLY, WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT WAS A PARDON...

YOU'VE HAD AN EXCELLENT RECORD HERE, THOMAS! NOW, YOU'RE STARTING LIFE ANEW! LEAVE YOUR PAST BEHIND YOU... TRY TO LIVE A DECENT, NORMAL LIFE! THERE'S NOTHING TO STAND IN YOUR WAY!

THE FIRST THING PHIL DID UPON HIS RELEASE WAS HURRY TO LILY! HIS EYES WERE LARGE WITH **FEAR**... AND, HE SHOOK LIKE A LEAF!

PHIL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHEN DID YOU GET OUT?

LILY! YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE ME FROM THAT RUNT, BIXBY! HE **WASN'T LYING**! HE'S STILL ALIVE! FOLLOWING ME LIKE A GHOST...

IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT MY COMPANY DISPLEASES YOU, PHIL! AH! YOU **HEAR** ME... IN YOUR MIND! TOO BAD LILY DOESN'T! SHE PROBABLY THINKS THAT JAIL HAS DRIVEN YOU MAD!

I... I GUESS I MUST SOUND LIKE A LUNATIC AT THAT! GOOD-BYE, LILY! FORGET I SAID WHAT I DID...

PHIL... WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?

PHIL RETURNED TO HIS ROOM, HOPING TO FIND SOME COMFORT IN HIS SOLITUDE! HE KNEW IT WAS ONLY AN ILLUSION... AND YET, IT SEEMED SO REAL! HE PACED THE FLOOR NERVOUSLY UNTIL HIS EYE FELL ON SOMETHING THAT HE **KNEW** WAS REAL!

THAT BOOK! WHERE DID IT COME FROM? IT **WASN'T** THERE WHEN I LEFT!

BLACK MAGIC

THE BOOK WAS OPENED... PHIL PICKED IT UP AND BEGAN TO READ...

EVEN IN DEATH, THE ASTRAL BODY WILL GO ON! FOR, IF IT IS DETACHED FROM THE PHYSICAL BODY AT THE TIME OF DEMISE, IT CAN EXIST AS LONG AS THERE IS WILL AND DESIRE!

THE IMPLICATION OF THAT PARAGRAPH ROCKED PHIL TO HIS HEELS. BIXBY, IN ASTRAL FORM, COULD HAUNT PHIL FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE! PHIL HAD TO HAVE HELP... OR LOSE HIS SANITY!

... SOON, THE WHOLE THING WILL APPEAR SO RIDICULOUS THAT YOU WILL REALIZE THAT IT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT IS... AN ILLUSION CAUSED BY A GUILT COMPLEX!

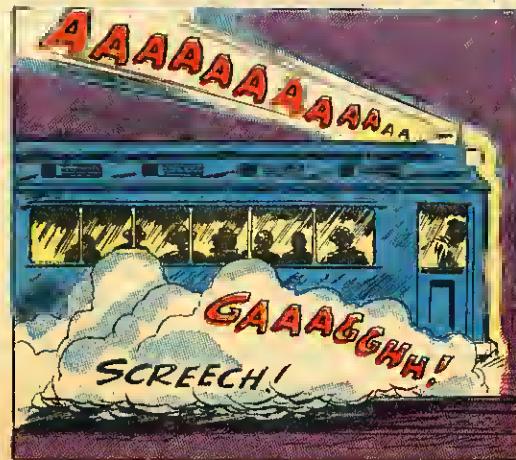
OF COURSE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF SO-CALLED ASTRAL BODIES! IT MUST BE AN ILLUSION! I SUGGEST THAT YOU TRY TO TALK TO IT! TRY TO DRAW IT OUT! MAKE YOURSELF BELIEVE THAT IT ACTUALLY EXISTS...

THANK YOU, DOCTOR! I'LL TRY TO DO WHAT YOU SAY!

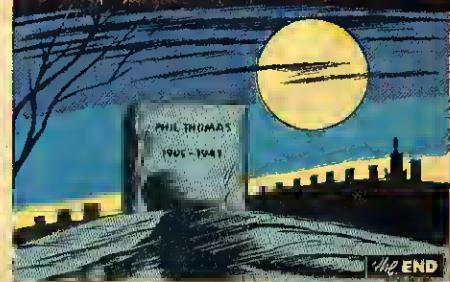


PHIL TRIED! HE TALKED TO THE EMPTY AIR, TO THE FOUR WALLS OF HIS ROOM, AND, TO HIS HORRIFIED CHAGRIN... THEY ANSWERED BACK!

HE'S WITH ME! I JUST KNOW HE'S AROUND! TRAILING ME... LAUGHING AT ME... KNOWING THAT I CAN'T GET AT HIM! THE FIEND! THE LITTLE FIEND!



WHAT REMAINED OF PHIL THOMAS WAS QUIETLY INTERRED IN A LONELY GRAVE TO WAIT FOR ETERNITY. IT WAS NOTED IN THE INQUEST MADE INTO HIS SUICIDE THAT HIS MIND HAD EVIDENTLY DISINTEGRATED UNDER THE PRESSURE OF HIS CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF ARNOLD BIXBY! TO THE VERY LAST, PHIL THOMAS CLAIMED THAT BIXBY WAS ALIVE... HAUNTING HIM IN ASTRAL FORM!



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last trip to Egypt. The momento, a piece of bone which had been fashioned into a bracelet, must go back to the tombs, he said, for it's spirit was endangering the health of his wife, the Lady Lydia.

That night was an experience I shall never forget. Newton had invited five of us to his country home for a little dinner party to send off two of our geologist friends. Things began to happen right after Sir Henry announced that he wanted the bone returned. "My whole household has been in chaos," Sir Henry said, "The servants complain of a ghostly figure which wanders around at night. Dishes break for no apparent reason, and we've had two fires. Lady Lydia says she will take it back herself if it is not returned soon." He went on to explain that they had given the relic away three times, but the new owners had returned it because of the bad luck which had fallen on them. Back to the tombs seemed the only solution.

Just at that moment a slapping noise sounded and Sir Henry's head moved to one side in a quick jerk. He put his hand to his cheek. When he took it away there was the unmistakable red print of a hand slip. Standing up, Sir Henry shook his fist in the air. He said, "Now look here, old boy, I've taken about all your tommyrot I'm going to. I'm sending you back, and there's nothing you can do about it!" We all laughed, but before the end of the meal, each guest had received the invisible hand slap!

"Where is this bracelet?" Wetherford, the man who was to be in charge of the expedition asked. "I'm curious to see suchan uncanny bit of bone."

Without changing expression, Sir Henry said, "Confound it, you can't see it. Don't you understand—it doesn't want to go back so it's been traveling all over the house—comes up in the queerest places. Last week I had a strong steel box specially made. The bracelet is now safe in the box and the box is set into a stone deep in my chamber floor, double chained for safety."

"Such an indestructible spirit should have no difficulty getting at a steel box," I chided. "What about the key? Hasn't he access to it?"

"That also is chained to my bed," Sir Henry answered. "As for getting it loose, I don't think so, I've got the spirit baffled!" He chuckled, "The chains have rattled several times as though someone were trying to loosen it, to no avail. The simple truth, gentlemen, is that the spirit is too much at home in my house. He resents being sent back to his own tomb!"

Everyone laughed again. The whole scene was amusing, but later that night, we had good reason to regret the mockery.

About the middle of the night I heard a nerve-racking scream. My room was just across the hall from Sir Henry's and it sounded as though it had come from his room. I threw on my dressing robe hurriedly and entered the corridor. Blake and Wetherford had beat me to it and were standing there listening. "Sir Henry?" I asked. "I don't think so," Wetherford replied, "it sounded more like a woman's scream."

At that instant, Sir Henry bolted out of his room, ignoring us and ran to Lady Lydia's door. He tried to turn the knob, but the door was locked. He put his shoulder to it, but it was solid oak. He beckoned to us to help. By that time the other guests had awakened and we were able to break the door in. Lady Lydia lay crumpled on the floor. Sir Henry picked her up gently and Blake went to fetch a doctor.

Before the doctor arrived, Lady Lydia regained consciousness, but she never regained her senses. She blubbered incoherently about the spirits and the Pharaohs, and for the rest of her life she was confined to her room with a strong woman to watch over her.

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Two other guests of that ill-fated dinner have met their deaths in a violent manner. Sir Henry is now lying across the hall from me, groaning with fever. The doctors do not expect him to last through the night.

I am still alive, but I wish I were not. The ghost of the old Pharaoh is gone, but the memory will be with me as long as I live. One month ago I fell from a high embankment overlooking the channel and freakishly broke both my arms and legs. My back was also broken in such a manner that I am paralyzed from the hips down. I will never get up from my bed.



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BLACK MAGIC

Brent climbed higher and higher---eager to find the "gimmick" behind the greatest trick of the Indian fakirs! But there was no gimmick when he reached

The END OF HIS ROPE!

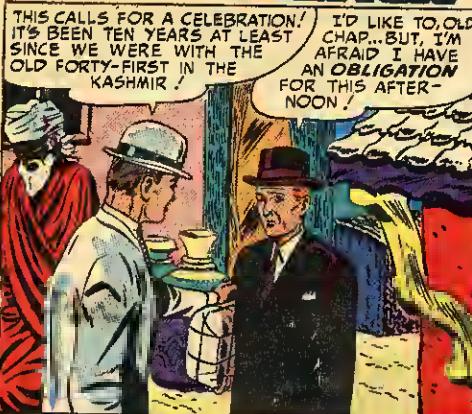


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MAGIC



BLACK MAGIC

NOT THE BODY,
SAHIB, IT IS HIS
SOUL WHICH
WITHERS WITH
EACH PASSING
OF THE
MOON.

I HAVE BROUGHT A FEW
THINGS HE MAY NEED, IF
THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN
HIS CONDITION, YOU KNOW
WHERE I MAY BE REACHED!

"THE VISIT WAS BRIEF, BUT ITS IMPACT WAS FELT BY BOTH MEN! THEY EXCHANGED NO WORDS AS THEY LEFT THE LITTLE SHOP AND PROCEEDED BACK TO THE MAIN SECTION OF TOWN, FOR, IN THE EAST, MEN DID NOT DEEM IT WISE TO OPEN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS TO SCRUTINY."

WE'RE BEING DEUCED QUIET FOR TWO FELLOWS WHO HAVENT SEEN EACH OTHER IN SO LONG, SHOULD WE GIVE THE AMUSEMENT SECTION A BIT OF A GO?

AFTER SEEING THAT WRECK OF A MAN, I COULD STAND ANYTHING! LET'S GO!

MAY YOUR SOUL BE EVER FREE FROM BURDEN OF THIS WRETCHED WORLD! MAY YOU PROSPER FOR THIS GENEROSITY!

COME ALONG, HUME! DON'T BOTHER WITH THESE BEGGARS! THEY'RE ALL ALIKE!

I THOUGHT YOUD BEEN OVER HERE LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE GOTTEN OVER THAT WEAKNESS! I NEVER GIVE A PENNY TO ANY OF THEM, LET 'EM GO OUT AND WORK, I SAY!

PERHAPS, BUT THEN, YOU ARE NOT AS SENSITIVE TO POVERTY AS I! NOR HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO THE ENCHANTMENTS OF THIS ANCIENT PLACE!

AT LEAST THEY CAN GIVE YOU A SHOW FOR YOUR MONEY! TAKE THAT FELLOW OVER THERE, OF COURSE I

YES, IN HIS CASE, IT'S ONLY A TRICK, BUT NOT ALWAYS! I'VE SEEN THESE PEOPLE PERFORM WITH THE AID OF POWERS BEYOND ANYTHING WE MODERNS KNOW!

COME OFF IT, HUME! SURELY, YOU DON'T BELIEVE ALL THAT RUBBISH ABOUT OCCULT POWERS AND WHAT-NOT!

THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU I DIDN'T, MULCAHY! BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED SINCE, THAT CAUSED ME TO DO A GREAT DEAL OF THINKING! DO YOU REMEMBER BRENT, DAVID BRENT, FROM BELFAST?

BLACK MAGIC

DO I REMEMBER HIM? BEFORE I WAS SENT HOME, HE AND I HAD THE WILDEST TIME!

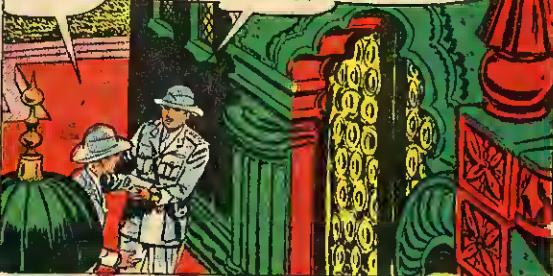
STRANGE THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW HIM SO WELL AND STILL... BUT I'M GETTING AWAY FROM MY STORY! IT SEEMS THAT BRENT WAS JUST LIKE YOU! HE WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE **GIMMICK!** THE TRICK THAT MADE THINGS WORK!

"AS YOU KNOW, HE WAS AN AMATEUR **MAGICIAN**! HE COULD DO ALMOST ANY SORT OF TRICK! THE MAN WAS AN ABSOLUTE DEVOTEE OF THIS ART; WE WERE STILL IN SERVICE WHEN HE BULLIED ME INTO SEEING BAHADUR RAMASHTANI."



REALLY, BRENT, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD...

DON'T ACT LIKE A STUFFED OWL, HUME! THIS OLD RASCAL IS THE MOST ASTOUNDING FAKIR OF THEM ALL! A MASTER MAGICIAN! I'M TOLD HE CAN DO THE **INDIAN ROPE TRICK**! I MUST SEE HOW IT'S DONE!



"BRENT WAS AS EAGER AS A CRAFTY SCHOOLBOY AT THE OPEN DOOR OF AN UNGUARDED CUPBOARD! IF I KNEW HIM AS I THOUGHT I DID, BRENT WAS NOT GOING TO LEAVE UNTIL HE KNEW THE "GIMMICK" BEHIND THE LEGENDARY ROPE TRICK!"

ALLOW ME, BAHADUR! THIS IS MY GOOD FRIEND, CAPTAIN HUME! I HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO WITNESS YOUR MIRACLES OF MAGIC!

YOU GIVE THIS HUMBLE ONE A MOST UNDESERVED HONOR! I AM ONLY THE LIVING HAND OF ONCE SKILLFUL ANCESTORS!

YET, YOU STILL DENY ME THE SIGHT OF THEIR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT! SHOW ME THE ROPE TRICK, BAHADUR! AM I NOT YOUR TRUE FRIEND?

THIS YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE! YOUR EYES SHALL KNOW THAT GREAT WONDER.



BEHOLD! I SHALL OPEN THE DOORS TO THE INVISIBLE LANDS! READY, SINGH!

"THE BOY BROUGHT A INDIAN FLUTE AND A LENGTH OF ORDINARY ROPE WHICH WE WERE ASKED TO EXAMINE / SATISFIED THAT THE ROPE CONTAINED NO HIDDEN GIMMICKS. WE WATCHED THE FAKIR ROLL IT IN COILS IN THE BASKET... AND THEN PUT THE FLUTE TO HIS LIPS!



BLACK MAGIC



"IT WAS AN AMAZING PIECE OF DECEPTION... IF DECEPTION IT WAS! BAHADUR CLAPPED HIS HANDS, THE BOY CLIMBED DOWN SEEMINGLY FROM NOWHERE... AND THE ROPE FELL LIMPLY INTO THE BASKET!"



"HOW DID YOU DO IT? WIRES? HYPNOTISM? I WANT THE SECRET! NAME ANY PRICE!"



BLACK MAGIC

YOU OLD SWINDLER! WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

PERHAPS THE UNBELIEVER WOULD CLIMB THE ROPE AND TEST THE POWERS FOR HIMSELF!

DON'T DO IT, BRENT! DON'T! POSSIBLY, HE'S RIGHT! THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT MAY BE DANGEROUS!

IT'S A TRICK! LIKE ANY OTHER, START YOUR ACT, BAHADUR!



"JUST LIKE THE BOY, BRENT SEEMED TO REACH THE TOP AND THEN DISAPPEAR SUDDENLY. BAHADUR DID SOMETHING THAT MADE MY BLOOD RUN COLD!"



BLACK MAGIC

BRING HIM BACK,
YOU OLD DEVIL!
NOW! AT ONCE!
DO YOU HEAR
WHAT I SAID?

HE BETRAYED MY
TRUST! INSULTED MY
NAME! FLING MUD AT
THE SPIRITS OF
THE ANCIENT
MASTERS!

AND YOU SHALL JOIN
THEM IF YOU DON'T
DO AS I SAY!

I SHALL BRING HIM
BACK! BUT, HE WILL NOT
BE AS HE WAS! THE
SAHIB HAS STAYED
TOO LONG...

"THE SIGHT OF MY FINGER TIGHTENING ON THE TRIGGER STIRRED BAHADUR INTO ACTION! ONCE MORE, THE ROPE SWAYED UNCANNILY SKYWARD!"

KEEP
PLAYING!
DON'T
STOP!

"WHEN THE ROPE HAD REACHED ITS MAXIMUM HEIGHT, IT SUDDENLY STIFFENED AND BEGAN TO SWAY! A LEG MATERIALIZED OUT OF THIN AIR... BY SOME STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, YOU MIGHT HAVE CALLED IT A HUMAN LEG! THEN I SAW THE REST OF BRENT... AND I SCREAMED!"

BY THE
GODS! HE
RETURNS
A...
CURSED
ONE!

THAT...
CAN'T...
BE...
BRENT!

IT'S DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE
MY HORROR WHEN I SAW
HIM! BUT, OF COURSE,
YOU'VE SEEN HIM
YOURSELF... BACK
THERE... IN THAT
ROOM!

ARE YOU TELLING
ME... THAT
ANCIENT, WITHERED
THING IN THE
CHAIR WAS...

BUT, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
BRENT IS NO OLDER THAN
WE ARE! YOU MUST
BE JOKING, HUME!

I WISH TO GLORY
I WAS... BUT,
I'M NOT! I'M
NOT!

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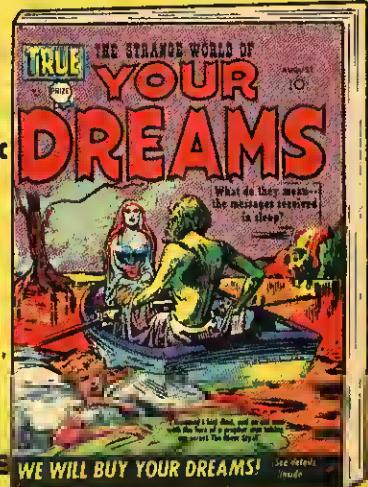
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Sidney was a greedy man who found the key to good fortune. But, his key opened the wrong lock. For luck has two doors and they're both marked

NUMBER



SIDNEY MORGAN LOOKED OUT OF THE WINDOW OF THE PLANE AND SMILED TO HIMSELF! HE HAD TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HIS POCKET, AND HE WAS GOING TO A PLACE WHERE HE COULD MULTIPLY THAT TWENTY-THREE TIMES OVER!



IT WAS NICE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, BUT THEN, SIDNEY'S LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO TOTALING FIGURES! BUT, TAKE HIS WIFE, GENEVIEVE, FOR INSTANCE! SHE THOUGHT LIFE WAS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF GOOD AND EVIL! HE COULD STILL REMEMBER HER PREACHING ON THAT FATEFUL NIGHT IN THE CAR!

DARLING, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO ENVIOUS OF HARRY BROWN. ENVY IS A SIN... ONE OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS! AFTER ALL, WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE WANT! COMFORT, HAPPINESS!



YEAH... EVERYTHING BUT MONEY. AND, MONEY IS WHAT I WANT, DEAR!

BLACK MAGIC

AND HE REMEMBERED HARRY BROWN! HARRY WAS A PLACID SORT OF MAN WHO STUMBLER ON THE SECRET OF SUCCESS... AND THEN, LAUGHED AT IT!

THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS? WELL SID, I GUESS IT'S JUST THAT I'M LUCKY, THAT'S ALL!

BUT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BEHIND YOUR LUCK! THINGS LIKE THAT JUST DON'T HAPPEN! DO YOU HAVE A SYSTEM OF SOME SORT... OR MAYBE A LUCKY CHARM?

IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU SHOULD ASK THAT, BECAUSE MY LUCK HAS RUN A STRANGE COURSE! EVERYTHING THAT I'VE DONE THAT HAS TURNED OUT WELL HAS HAD A STRANGE CONNECTION WITH THE NUMBER FOURTEEN!

AHA! I KNEW IT!



IT ALL STARTED DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE! FOURTEEN OF US WERE TO BE EVACUATED BY PLANE! BUT, THE PILOT WAS AFRAID THE PLANE COULDN'T HOLD MORE THAN THIRTEEN AND SO, Z, BEING NUMBER FOURTEEN, REMAINED BEHIND! THAT PLANE CRASHED AND EVERYONE WAS KILLED. I WAS RESCUED LATER!



FROM THAT TIME ON, FOURTEEN BECAME MY LUCKY NUMBER! I OPENED MY OFFICE ON THE FOURTEEN FLOOR OF THE BUILDING ON THE FOURTEENTH OF MAY! FOURTEEN DAYS LATER I LANDED MY BIGGEST ACCOUNT!

AMAZING!



YOU'RE THE LIVING PROOF OF MY PHILOSOPHY! THE MAGICAL QUALITY OF NUMBERS! THE LUCKY NUMBER THAT NEVER FAILS YOU!

BOSH! DON'T PUT ANY STOCK IN IT. IT'S MERE COINCIDENCE! NOTHING MORE!

NO! IT SEEMED MUCH MORE THAN COINCIDENCE TO SIDNEY MORGAN! SOME DAY, HE WOULD FIND HIS LUCKY NUMBER! AND HIS MONEY-HUNGRY SPIRIT WOULD EXPLOIT IT FOR ALL IT WAS WORTH! ONE NIGHT, IN A GAMBLING PALACE, SIDNEY FOUND HIS NUMBER...

TWENTY-THREE WINS AGAIN!

THAT'S MY THIRD WIN ON TWENTY-THREE! I'M GOING TO PLAY IT AGAIN!

THIS MIGHT BE THE DAY FOR THAT NUMBER, SID! IT'S THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF THE MONTH!



BLACK MAGIC



HEY! I WAS ONLY KIDDING, SID! I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BET YOUR ENTIRE BANK ROLL.

THIS IS IT, TOM! I'VE GOT TO TEST IT! IF TWENTY-THREE IS REALLY MY LUCKY NUMBER, IT WON'T FAIL ME NOW!



NUMBER TWENTY-THREE WINS! THAT'S TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS! THE TABLE IS CLOSED! YOU'VE BROKEN THE BANK, SIR!

I DID IT! THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP ME NOW! I'M OFF IN THE MORNING TO MORE FERTILE FIELDS... WHERE TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND IS JUST AN OPENING BET!

THERE WAS NO STOPPING SIDNEY MORGAN! IGNORING THE PROTESTS OF HIS WIFE AND TOM LEWIS, HIS BUSINESS PARTNER, SIDNEY CAUGHT THE 5 O'CLOCK PLANE TO LAS VEGAS!

YOUR WIFE IS RIGHT, SID! GIVE UP THIS FOOLISHNESS! YOU CAN'T THROW AWAY EVERYTHING YOU'VE WORKED FOR... ON A... A CRAZY OBSESSION!

CRAZY, IS IT? LISTEN... I'M PASSENGER NUMBER 23... LEAVING ON PLANE 23... WITH 23 GRAND IN MY POCKET... WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT, EH?



I'M NO FOOL! I'M RIDING NUMBER 23 TO WHEREVER IT TAKES ME! CALL IT A BIG GAMBLE IF YOU LIKE! TO ME... IT'S FOOL-PROOF MAGIC!

WELL GOOD-BYE, YOU TWO! DON'T BOTHER WISHING ME LUCK! I'M LOADED WITH IT RIGHT NOW!



BLACK

THAT'S HOW SIDNEY MORGAN CAME TO BE ABOARD THE PLANE! HE SAT LOST IN THOUGHT, DREAMING, OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOLD... NEVER NOTICING THE STORM OUTSIDE... OR THE ERRATIC TOSsing OF THE PLANE...

FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELTS, PLEASE! THE PILOT IS GOING TO ATTEMPT AN EMERGENCY LANDING! THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX!



MAGIC

SIT BACK AND RELAX! THAT WAS IT! WHAT COULD HAPPEN... WITH 23 PASSENGERS ON PLANE 23? HE SMILED A KNOWING SMILE...

THIS IS MERELY A ROUTINE PRECAUTION... THAT'S ALL...



SID WAS STILL DREAMING WHEN THE FATAL SHOCK CAME!

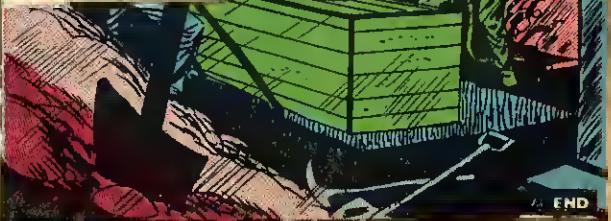


NEWS OF THE DISASTER STRUCK THE HEADLINES THE NEXT DAY!



THE SUPERSTITION ABOUT NUMBERS IS STILL OPEN TO DEBATE! WE DO KNOW THAT THERE WERE 23 PRESENT AT HIS FUNERAL... THAT IS, IF YOU INCLUDE THE

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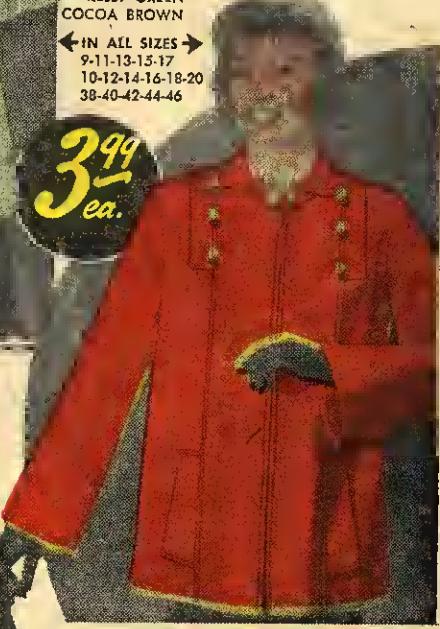
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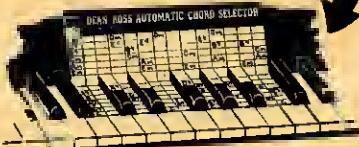
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